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FREEZE-DRYING FOODSTUFFS	)	
AND MEDICAMENTS (as amended))	)	

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Customer Window, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's April 22, 2003, Office Action, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and replacement abstract is attached following page 12 of this paper.